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# STATE BUILDING SHOWS RISE OF 688 PER CENT

April contracts for future construction totaled \$160,892,000 in Mississippi, up 688 per cent compared to April 1962, F.W. Dodge Corporation reported, reflecting in part the oil refinery—NASA boom on the Gulf Coast.

The following breakdown of April contracts for future construction in the state was reported by Dodge spokesman, B. R. Clemmons:

Nonresidential at \$120,471,000, up substantially; residential at \$15,218,000, up 58 per cent; and public works and utilities at \$25,203,000, up 726 per cent.

The cumulative total of construction contracts for the first four months of 1963 amounted to \$246,032,000, a 189 per cent increase compared to the corresponding 1962 period, according to the Dodge report.

A breakdown of the four month total showed:

Nonresidential at \$135,775,000, up 375 per cent; residential at \$50,613,000, up 64 per cent; and public works and utilities at \$59,644,000, up 134 per cent.

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